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Classified By: POL Deputy Bruce Turner, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to MFA action
officers for Middle East UN issues Nicolas Kassianides and
Selena Grenet on November 17. Grenet noted that -- due to
the opposition of the UK and Germany -- the EU had been
unable to come to a common position with respect to the text
referred to in the demarche, a text France considered
balanced and therefore strongly supported. (In fact, Grenet
said that the French had done their own demarche urging their
EU partners to support the resolution, which they claimed was
"even more balanced" than the one vetoed in the UNSC on
November 12.)

¶2. (C) Consequently, Grenet understood that the PLO
delegation had withdrawn reftel text and had instead put
forward an even more problematic resolution, which Grenet
anticipated would nevertheless be approved at the ESS. She
was uncertain what France's position would be on that text.
She argued that the UK and Germany had made a tactical error,
inasmuch as the EU would now be stuck with an even less
palatable resolution.

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